(b) whether Government are aware of the news about torture of a Hindu woman for 180 days in jail;

(c) whether Indian Embassy sends information regarding demolition of hundreds of temples;

(d) if so, the steps Government have taken regarding such information; and

(e) whether any human rights, organization has asked/written to Government to take steps in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) to (e) Government have seen reports about the case of Ms. M. Revathi/Siti Fatimah Abdul Karim. High Commission of India in Kuala Lumpur has been reporting from time to time on instances of demolition of temples in Malaysia including cases where the temples have been situated on Government land or when their property papers were not in order. Government carefully monitor such developments, taking into account reports from various sources.

Report of Indian Delegation to Pakistan

†502. SHRI SHREEGOPAL WAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient points of the report of the Indian delegation that went to Pakistan to inspect the Pakistani prisons there; and

(b) the measures Government are taking in light of that report ?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) No Indian delegation has inspected Pakistani prisons. However, during the visit of the External Affairs Minister to Pakistan in January, 2007, it was agreed that a Committee comprising retired judges of the Superior Judiciary would visit jails in the two countries and take steps to ensure humane treatment and expedite release of prisoners who have completed their prison terms.

Linking of Kigaje with Lhasa

503. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that China is considering a proposal to link Kigaje with capital Lhasa by 280 Km. rail link by 2010; and

(b) if so, whether it would pose a security risk to India and if so, the steps being considered to address the situation?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.